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THE MORNING ASTORIAN  
TELEPHONE 661.

## THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Oregon, cloudy and unsettled with occasional snow or rain in vast portion.

## GREAT

## Cloak Sale

## THIS

## WEEK

**A. Dunbar Co.**

Melrose sliced peaches for cream, 12 1/2 cents per can. Fisher Bros.

Call up phone 661 for the best stove coal in the city. \$6 per ton.

The schooners Advent and O. M. Kellogg have arrived to load lumber.

GIRL WANTED—for lighthousework afternoons; call 582 Exchange street.

The clerks' union meets in regular session at 8 o'clock tonight at the city hall.

The British ship Foydale is discharging 150 tons of salt at the O. R. & N. wharf.

Wanted: A janitor for church building. Wages \$8 per month. Inquire at Astorian office.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to John Eldridge and Miss Ida Madeline Lampa, both of this city.

Final citizenship papers were issued yesterday by Judge Trenchard to Frederick Wilhelm Frederickson, a native of Finland.

I have a line of imported novelties for Christmas entirely new, never in the market before, at prices to suit every one. Rogers, druggist.

Open for the inspection of the public, with a line of art novelties suitable for Xmas—Frank Woodfield's art shop on Bond street.

Japanese goods, Christmas greens, candies and refreshments for sale in the basement of the Episcopal church this afternoon and evening.

Step in at Danziger & Co.'s and examine the elegant suit cases he is giving away with each purchase of men's and youth's suits and overcoats.

If you want the best Cream Separator, see the EMPIRE. You can get one on long time. You can pay cash, or we will take your cream in exchange. Townsend Creamery Co., Portland or Astoria.

Contractor Goodin has been granted until January 1 to complete the improvement of Franklin ave from Fourth to Fifth street, and of Fourth from Franklin to Exchange. The bad weather recently prevailing has delayed him to an extent that made it impossible for the work to be completed in contract time.

For Rent—Clean, newly furnished rooms, single or en suite; central, over Peterson & Brown's shoe store.

Do you want an oil can that will not overflow a lamp? If so, buy the Benman, automatic; best can ever produced. We sell them. Johnson Bros.

I have the largest line of perfumes ever brought here, for Christmas, and a lot of fancy purses for ladies; prices reduced to one-half. Rogers, druggist.

An expert piano tuner from Ellers' piano house will be in Astoria about December 16. Leave orders for tuning with A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street.

For framed and unframed pictures, picture frames, burnt leather outfits and materials, art novelties, picture glass and picture framing, go to Frank Woodfield's are shop on Bond street.

The work of repairing the disabled Sequoia is going on at the A. & C. wharf. Yesterday a pump was started at work to clear her of water, but the progress was hardly satisfactory, owing to the leaks which have been opened up.

P. F. Halferty arrived in the city last night to inspect his launch now nearing completion at Wilson Bros' boat building establishment. The boat will be used by Mr. Halferty in handling his goods at the new location of the Sea Beach Packing works at Markham, Wash.

The German training ship Herzogin Cecelia, which arrived in port Saturday, is here on her maiden voyage. She carries a crew of 73 officers and men. A storm encountered in the Atlantic dismantled her and she was at Montevideo for repairs. After leaving there she came around to Astoria in 49 days, which is just about record time. On Sunday and last evening the officers of the Cecelia entertained several Astorians, and the reception proved a pleasant one.

Charles Foley died Sunday, after a short illness with pneumonia. Deceased was born in Binghamton, N. Y., was 43 years of age, a painter by trade, and had resided in Astoria for many years. The funeral will be held today and the interment will be in Greenwood.

Private Thompson, the Fort Stevens incendiary, has been sent from Vancouver barracks to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to serve a 20-year sentence for the acts of vandalism committed by him at the post. He was found guilty on all the charges brought against him—incendiarism, desertion and sending threatening letters—and was given the maximum sentence. Four men will guard him on the journey from Vancouver to Leavenworth. The officers believe that Thompson's insanity is largely feigned, in an effort to escape the punishment which has been provided in this case.

"And this is war!" is the title of a very striking cartoon that appears in last evening's Telegram. Venezuela is depicted as an extremely puny little bewhiskered chap brought to bay and with clinched fists stands in an attitude of mingled defiance and defiance, while England and Germany personified in the personages of John Bull and Emperor William are hurling their gigantic hulks upon the pigmy with leveled bayonet and menacing gesture. The idea is very apparent and drew from local under-dog sympathizers emphatic expressions of approval. The artist is Murray Wade, a regular contributor to the Portland publication.

Members of the council will shortly consider just what changes are required in the city charter, so that the Clatsop legislative delegation may be fully informed. City Attorney Smith is anxious for an amendment which will abolish all the funds except the general fund. The city's accounts are made up of many different funds under the present system entailing much book-keeping and endless annoyance. Mr. Smith says that, in view of the fact that the city must make all the payments it would be better to keep all moneys in one fund. Two years ago a new charter was granted to Astoria, but it was never printed for general circulation, and the 1896 charter is usually referred to now when information is desired. A new charter is needed, and the recommendations of the council will be submitted to the legislators.

"Improvements and new ideas are introduced into the salmon canning business every season," said A. E. Wadham, a canneryman, from Blaine, who is registered at the Portland. "The last machine which we have put on trial is called the automatic Chinaman. This, of course, is not the name under which the patent was obtained, but is derived from the character of the work the machine will do. It is claimed by the inventor, and we have partially proved the statement, that one machine will clean as many salmon as seven Mongolians. The fish are fed into the mechanism head first, and by an ingenious system of knives their heads are cut off and their bodies split open. A stream of water is operated under a high pressure and cleans the fish as they pass through the various parts of the apparatus, and a set of revolving brushes completes this portion of the work. There is practically no limit to the quantity of fish that such a ma-

chine will clean in one day, and while its operator was not perfect in the past season, still the defects were minor ones and will all be remedied by next summer. In fact it is probable that by the time the salmon commence running again a machine will be invented that will perform every part of the butchering and cleansing work which is now done by the Chinamen. Under these circumstances a salmon will not be touched by hand after it is once started down the chute to the first machine."

The Oregonian quotes Senator Fulton as follows with reference to the recommendations for alterations in the fish laws: "So far as I know, there will be no demand for any important changes in the fishery law. I notice that the fish warden had recommended that the law providing a close season be repealed. While I have not learned the reasons upon which he made this recommendation, my present impression is that this change would be ill advised. However, the fish warden is a very conscientious worker, and may have sufficient reason for making the recommendation. I think perhaps it might be well to raise the license tax on the salmon pack, and perhaps some other minor changes are needed, but I am of the opinion that the fishery laws are in pretty good shape already."

At the special meeting of the council which is to be held next Monday night at 7:30 several matters will be attended to. At that time an ordinance will be introduced providing for the time and manner of choosing a chief of the fire department. The present law specifies that the fire chief shall be elected by the council for an indefinite period, but the majority of the members are desirous of a change by which the chief shall be elected at the first meeting in January, to serve for one year. It is rumored in democratic circles that the proposed change is contemplated with the object of ousting Chief Stockton. Mr. Stockton is a republican, but the citizens have permitted him to hold office for a long time. Now, according to the story going the rounds, a democrat will be put in. At the special meeting charter changes will be discussed and the different committees will get matters in shape to turn things over to the new committees.

The Clerks' Protective association entertained the merchants of the city last night at Carnahan hall, and a large crowd was out. The object of the meeting was discussion of the holiday closing plan, the clerks submitting the matter to the merchants. The latter decided that all grocery stores employing union clerks should close on legal holidays, excepting the Fourth of July, when a celebration is held, when they will remain open half the day. All other lines will close all day except on Christmas and the Fourth. This agreement of the merchants will be presented to the entire business interests of the city and the signatures of all merchants will be secured. The meeting last night was rendered the more pleasant by an excellent musical program, in which Messrs. Johnson, LaBlanc, Gribler, Kearney, Johnson and Thomas Withers took part. The clerks' guests were banqueted during the evening.

In an article evidently written by an idiot the Oregonian gives what is alleged to be a move now on foot to force the granting of common point rates to this port. The article is interspersed with expressions that make its authenticity extremely doubtful, but it is probably intended in good faith. The gist of the story is contained in the opening paragraph, which follows: "The Northern Pacific railroad is going down the north bank of the Columbia to some point near the mouth of that stream, where it will establish a shipping port in opposition to Astoria. The O. R. & N. will be obliged to run its trains down the south bank of the river and do its shipping from Astoria or some point near that city. Both railroads will carry the grain of the Columbia basin to the mouth of the river for export—not only that part of it now loaded into ships in Portland, but also the part that now goes through Puget sound ports. Portland will do the business at the mouth of the river, as it now does much of the exporting from Puget sound. The wheat trains will

run through Portland and the stevedoring will be done at Astoria and on the opposite side of the river, but Portland men and money will do the business. Common point rates will be forced to the mouth of the river."

A union service of the protestant churches in the city was held Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church. The edifice was filled with the large congregation in attendance. After a scripture reading by Rev. Harold Oberg and an eloquent prayer by the Rev. Mr. Trumbull, Rev. Henry Marcotte introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Mr. Scarvie of the Norwegian-Danish church. The theme of the service was temperance and Mr. Scarvie handled his subject both from that view point and prohibition. The speaker had, previous to his call to this city, been actively associated in temperance reform in the large cities of Minnesota and his illustrations were drawn largely from his experiences in that state. A striking point brought out in his discourse was his unqualified denunciation of the prohibition party. With him it is cause before party and not the reverse. His idea in attempting to get a prohibitionist into office is to run him independent or else get one of the big parties so scared that it will pick the candidate up. He is generally run independent. The sermon elicited the closest attention and drew from the hearers many expressions of approbation at its close. A large choir of Presbyterian young people led in the rousing hymns selected for the occasion.

Seven weatherbound grain vessels got to sea from the lower harbor on Sunday. The Clan Galbraith, G. W. Wolf, Magdalene and John Cooke departed for the United Kingdom, while the Ancelus, Ingeborg and Pass of Brander sailed for South Africa. The Ancelus took 1869 bushels of wheat worth \$1495, 17,469 bushels of oats, worth \$1590, and 18,192 barrels of flour, worth \$57,215; the Ingeborg has 24,482 bushels of wheat, worth \$17,627, and 12,283 barrels of flour, worth \$39,851; the Pass of Brander takes 66,231 bushels of wheat, worth \$47,835, and 17,556 barrels of flour, valued at \$61,430; the Wolf sails with 119,803 bushels of barley, worth \$66,235; the John Cooke takes 110,297 bushels of wheat, worth \$72,797; the Magdalene has 176,157 bushels of wheat, worth \$119,629. The Crown of Denmark was ready to go to sea, but it was found that her anchor chain had become fouled and the captain refused to slip it, with the result that she did not get out. Three steamers departed and two schooners arrived Sunday. The pilots are entitled to much credit for the excellent service rendered, and the tugboat people are also to be commended.

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